

## SPORTS NEWSY STORES FROM THE BAY A ATHLETIC WORLD SPORTS

INTS START LAST WEEK  
OF PRELIMINARY WORK

Games With Trinity and Raleigh Before Team Returns Home.

## TREMENDOUS SLUMP IN BATTING

Men Have Been Unable to Hit Pill During Past Week, and Averages Tumbled—Neal Ball Still Continues at Top of Column.

## Batting Averages

Player	AB.	R.	H.	P.C.
Ball	30	4	10	.333
Breckinridge	30	4	10	.333
Shamlin	4	0	1	.250
Kellogg	61	2	15	.246
Long	14	1	4	.286
Berger	57	7	13	.228
Bates	31	5	7	.226
Hanson	18	1	4	.222
Hoffman	8	0	1	.125
Jarmna	10	1	2	.200
Enchling	6	0	1	.167
Dunn	19	2	3	.158
Morrisette	60	0	7	.117
Schaule	3	0	0	.000
Morrisette	0	0	0	.000
Russell	3	0	0	.000
Total	510	51	110	.210

With several new faces in the line-up, Manager Jack Dunn will start the Richmond Ints off on the final week of training before the opening of the International League on April 27, which is Tuesday of next week. The Ints play Trinity College to-day in that unlucky town of Durham, and to-morrow they journey over to Raleigh for a two-day engagement with the Carolina League there. On Thursday the squad will be safe in Broad Street Park.

The reason that the locals have been unable to win during the trip abroad is made plain by an inspection of the batting averages of the team on the recent trip. Schaule was one to make a gain, but he was hitting so low that one must wait to see if he can get upward. Captain Neal Ball still leads with the willow, but he, too, suffered, and dropped in percentage to .337. Breckinridge gained on his teammates, particularly by their secretaries, and stands second, with .278. Hoffman dropped from grace, his average going down to .125. Morrisette and Russell have failed to land a fly, while Melina is trailing along with seven hits out of sixty trips to bat.

It is expected that Arragon and possible trade will be in the game to-day for the Virginia. Kriehel has not yet reached Durham, but he also may report in time to get in uniform. Sterzer is still waiting for instruction.

## OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Albemarle Golf Club Holds Annual Meeting—Grounds Almost Ready.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., April 18.—At the annual meeting of the Albemarle Golf Club, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: T. C. Venable, president; Dr. M. L. Egan, vice-president; W. C. Scott, secretary; and treasurer, A. Z. Sellers. George R. E. Michie and W. K. Souder, Jr., were elected to fill vacancies on the board of governors.

The new grounds of the club will be ready for use by May 10. The field of seventy acres gives ample room for a golf course, a baseball field and six tennis courts. In eleven months the male membership of the club has more than doubled, while the number of women is ten times what it was last spring.

## FRANCE WANTS GAMES

Olympic Committee Asked to Give Lyons Big Athletic Event.

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, April 18.—The International Olympic Committee will meet some time during the present year in the Federal Palace at Bern. The exact date for the meeting has not yet been determined.

Lyons, France, has applied for the game in 1920 in case Antwerp retires, and for the 1924 games in case the application of Antwerp is maintained. The committee has chosen the medal to be offered for the Pentathlon to be competed for at the San Francisco Exposition the end of August.

## BOWLING TOURNEY ENDS

Thomas J. Seannell Won All-Around Championship Title.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The National Bowling Association's championship tournament ended to-day, after the following titles had been decided:

All-around—Thomas J. Seannell, New York Athletic Club, 1,335, an average of 215 for nine games.

Singles—George Newman, New York, 67.

Two men—Arthur Walter and Joseph A. Smith, Rutherford, N. J., 1,222.

Five men—Aurania Bowling Club, New York, 2,993.

## SIXTY TO ONE BEATS

Long Shot Takes Race at Inver de Grace in Fast Time.

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD., April 17.—An old-time "hog killing" was engineered at the Harford County track to-day, when Gentlewoman, backed 60 to 1, to 8 to 5, captured the fifth race by a head. In doing so she equalled the track record of 47 1-5 for four furlongs. Corsican captured the first race from Hal Helen, while Violet was second. Humility, at 8 to 1, won the steeplechase, and Montrose captured the third number. Squelcher repeated again to-day, and won at 8 to 1.

Sealhawk captured the last number, but was lucky in doing so, as Elwah, who was leading him and had to be pulled up.

## GOOD TRIP FOR BOYS

McGuire's Baseball Squad Will Invaade Tidewater Section This Week.

The McGuire's team leaves for the Tidewater region on Wednesday, where it will play Newport News High School that day; Hampton High School on Thursday; Maury High of Norfolk on Friday; and Portsmouth High on Saturday.

The team has found its batting eye, and the infield is working like a machine; so the followers of the team are confident that the boys will redeem themselves after the early season slump.

Coach Hulcher will probably not be on the trip, but he is confident that the team will be successful. The boys have improved greatly in all departments.

HILL CITY MAN WILL RUN  
IN GREAT MARATHON RACE

R. H. Wentworth Among Seventy-five Entrants for Long Run at Boston To-Day.

BOSTON, April 18.—Runners from nine States and two Canadian provinces will compete to-morrow in the American marathon over the twenty-five miles of road between Ashland and Boston. The field of seventy-five entrants includes many athletes of high grade.

Among the Canadian runners are Edouard Fabre, of Montreal, who finished second in last year's race; Arthur Jamieson, of Hamilton, Ont., an Indian, who won the annual Hamilton road race last fall; and Walter J. Bell, of Montreal, winner of fourth prize in last year's event.

Cliff Horne, of the Dorchester Club, England, ten-mile champion; Charles Pores, of New York; and one of the Brooklyn Seagate Marathon; Nick Glanopoulos and Frank Zuna, of the same city, and William Kennedy, of Chicago, are leading American representatives.

Other runners include R. H. Wentworth, of Lynchburg, Va., and M. J. Lynch, of Washington, D. C.

## UMPS HAS TIME TO SCOOT

California Warden Acting as Umpire Not Liked by Player.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—At the San Quentin prison recently the 1915 baseball season was opened with a game between the San Quentin team and the San Francisco team. A big negro boy playing second base for "Captain Randolph" Nine became incensed over what he considered the umpire's action.

"Ahh! knock 'em out when Ah get out here," said the negro.

"You have to go some," grins answered the umpire. "I beat you through the gate by three years and a half."

## NASHVILLE LEADING

New Orleans and Memphis Tied for Second Place in Southern League.

ATLANTA, GA., April 18.—With a record of five straight games won, Nashville led all teams in the Southern association during the first week of play, which began last Tuesday. New Orleans and Memphis tied for second place, each having won three games of five, while Little Rock signalled its entrance into the association by losing five consecutive contests.

While it was too early in the season to get an accurate line on the relative strength of the contending teams, several of the clubs failed to show the form expected of them.

## GRAND CIRCUIT PRIZES

Big Sums Are Offered as Purse and Prize at Big Racing Fixture.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 18.—Forty thousand dollars has been offered as purse and prize for the annual Grand Circuit races here next September. Of this sum, \$24,000 is reserved for six closing events, entries for which will close May 10.

The race will be headed by the Empire State \$10,000 stake for 212 trotters.

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE

At Nashville—Nashville, 3; Chattanooga, 2.

At Mobile—Mobile, 5; Atlanta, 1.

At Memphis—Memphis, 6; Little Rock, 3.

At New Orleans—New Orleans, 0; Birmingham, 5.

## IT STRIKES ME

—BY SKIP—

Let us wipe the memory of last week out and start fresh to-day, as Manager Dunn expects to do with his team. He has canned a number of men, and more will be let go before the coming of the latter part of the week. Dunnie says a team cannot be built in a night, but promises to have a likely aggregation ready to start the season.

The Virginia League gets into action on Thursday. It will be real funny to look up and down the column for Richmond, and not find it.

Magnates of the Virginia League did not take likely to the original schedule adopted at the Newport News meeting, and a new one has been adopted. Portsmouth opens at Norfolk, Rocky Mount at Petersburg, and Suffolk at Newport News.

Lost—One dandy little shortstop. Answers to the name of Jackie Hales from Richmond. Address, Molly McMahon, Norfolk, Va.

It seems that Jackie did not like the climate of Norfolk and has skipped, leaving no address behind. He had been working well in the short field during practice games, and McMahon was put out considerably by his sudden unannounced intention to quit the team.

Freddie Welsh refuses to think of anything less than \$5,000 for boxing twenty rounds. But just clip this notice and see what he is getting in about four years.

Walter Keating, who started the training season as a member of the Chicago Cubs, was signed last week by Rochester, and now comes the word that he has been sold to Buffalo. Which illustrates the vacancy of baseball. Keating has been with three teams, and the season not yet open. His chief weakness seems to be at the bat.

Jess Willard is paying the penalty of sudden fame. Now that he has won the world's championship, all sorts of country men are coming from all over the country from people who claim to have known him when he was young and comparatively unknown. From Denver comes a report that ten years ago he fought a midget at Grapple Creek and killed him with a blow. He is said to have skipped and changed his name. Dozens of these wild rumors will doubtlessly be in circulation soon.

Harry Smith, who managed New York in 1913 and 1914, but who was fired by the Ibbets interests after the close of the season, has been signed again by the new owners, which is apparently welcome news to the Newark fans, where Smith is extremely popular.

Muggsy McGraw has about reached the conclusion that Jim Thorpe cannot hit a curved ball to save his life, and the former Olympic star has been benched. Murray has been sent to right field, while he can still hit hard drives and make long, accurate throws. Murray is no longer there as a batsman, but it is probable that he will remain in the line-up for some time. McGraw, Dave Robertson is being groomed for the job.

MAJORS STARTED SEASON  
FULL OF UNCERTAINTIES

Public, However, Has Aligned Fears by Way It Took Hold.

## ENTHUSIASM IS STILL KEEN

Magnates Much Encouraged—Teams Make Good Starts, but Outcome Is Beyond Prediction—Early Games Bring Some Surprises.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Seldom in the history of baseball has a major league season started with more uncertainties than the 1915 season, which opened on Wednesday. Whether the public would take to the sport with the enthusiasm of past years was an open question when the teams took the field for the opening games.

Many distractions threatened to interfere with the season's success. Not the least of these was the European conflict. Another was the continuation of the baseball war.

But the start was auspicious. Attendance has been excellent—far beyond expectations for the most part. There has been plenty of enthusiasm, and, on the whole, keen interest. In the various teams, all told off to a poor start, and their chances of coming up fast were not improved by the injury to the Boston Red Sox, and St. Louis, and the Philadelphia Athletics.

In Philadelphia, Pat Moran obtained a lead from the winning stride struck by his team, and there has been no ground for discouragement for Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago Cubs. Only the Brooklyn team has lagged in the National League.

The Boston Red Sox, picked by many to lead the American League pennant, are leading their league. As for the Washingtons, the manager of their pitching staff, Walter Johnson, has proved he is in prime form, and this means much to Clark Griffith's ambitious club.

Bill Louden, the new head of the New York Americans, is getting good work out of his men.

The first week of play produced some few hits in baseball unusual so early in the season. First of these was the no-hit game of Rube Marquard, of the Giants, against the Brooklyn. A close second was the one-hit nine innings pitched by Benoit, of the Athletics, against the Red Sox, with the Athletics coming after two were out in the ninth. In Philadelphia yesterday, Fritz Mazel, of the Yankees, accomplished the rare feat of striking second, third and home in succession.

Records for last week:

Player	W.	L.	P.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	3	0	17	23
Chicago	4	2	1	20	29
Cincinnati	4	2	1	20	29
New York	4	2	1	20	29
Pittsburgh	4	2	1	20	29
Boston	4	2	1	20	29
Brooklyn	4	2	1	20	29

American League.

Player	W.	L.	P.	H.	E.
Boston	4	2	1	20	29
Chicago	4	2	1	20	29
Cleveland	4	2	1	20	29
Detroit	4	2	1	20	29
St. Louis	4	2	1	20	29
Washington	4	2	1	20	29
Philadelphia	4	2	1	20	29

"The game, Friday, April 16.

## THEY JUST LOVE GAME

Twenty-seven Paid Admissions at Saturday Ball Game in Frisco.

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—San Francisco City, the Los Angeles population and rated as the greatest sport loving city in America, comes to the front with the smallest baseball attendance on record in the class AA circles. According to Hugh Jones, manager of the Los Angeles club, played a Saturday game in San Francisco last season when the official attendance record showed twenty-seven paid admissions.

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## BASEBALL STATISTICS

## NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Chicago, 2; Pittsburgh, 1.  
Cincinnati, 6; St. Louis, 2.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Team	W.	L.	P.	C.
Philadelphia	3	3	0	1000
Chicago	3	2	0	600
Cincinnati	3	2	0	600
New York	3	2	0	500
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	400
St. Louis	2	3	0	400
Boston	1	2	3	333
Brooklyn	1	3	2	250

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Philadelphia at New York.  
Pittsburgh at Chicago.  
St. Louis at Cincinnati.  
Brooklyn at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Detroit, 3; Chicago, 7.  
Cleveland, 6; St. Louis, 1.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Team	W.	L.	P.	C.
Boston	2	0	0	667
Detroit	2	0	0	600
Cleveland	2	0	0	600
Newark	2	0	0	500
Washington	2	0	0	500
Cleveland	2	0	0	400
St. Louis	2	0	0	400
Philadelphia	1	2	3	333

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Chicago at Detroit.  
Boston at Washington.  
Cleveland at St. Louis.  
New York at Philadelphia.

FEDERAL LEAGUE RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Baltimore, 12; Newark, 5.  
St. Louis, 3; Chicago, 1.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Team	W.	L.	P.	C.
Chicago	4	1	0	800
Kansas City	4	3	0	571
Newark	4	3	0	500
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	429
Brooklyn	3	4	0	429
Buffalo	2	4	3	333
St. Louis	2	4	3	250
Baltimore	2	6	2	250

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Baltimore at Newark.  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh.  
Chicago at St. Louis.  
Brooklyn at Buffalo.

COTTON EFFECTIVELY  
KEPT FROM ENEMIES

British Attorney-General Says Its Declaration as Contraband Would Not Affect Result.

LONDON, April 18.—That cotton is kept from Germany and Austria just as effectively as if it were declared absolute contraband is the tenor of a reply addressed by Attorney-General Simon to a conference of chemists and engineers, who asked whether the government's action was sufficient to make it certain that no cotton reaches those countries.

The Attorney-General ventures to suggest that those for whom you write are not under some misapprehension as to the law of contraband or as to the steps which, in fact, are being taken under the order in council of March 11. The steps which have been taken are extremely effective in stopping cotton from reaching Germany, and the declaration of cotton as contraband would not alter the result in the very least so far as preventing cotton reaching Germany is concerned.

"If an article is declared absolute contraband, it can be stopped from going to any German port, and can be stopped even from going to an adjacent neutral port, if it is in course of transit through that neutral port to an enemy country. These are exactly the steps which have been taken under the order in council of March 11, and which have been extremely effective in stopping cotton from reaching Germany, and the declaration of cotton as contraband would not alter the result in the very least so far as preventing cotton reaching Germany is concerned.

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